South Asian Association For
Regional Cooperation
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Introduction
• The South Asian Association for Regional
Cooperation (SAARC) is an organization of South
Asian nations, fou...

• The idea of regional political and economical
cooperation in South Asia was first coined in 1980
and the first summit he...

SAARC Secretariat
• The SAARC Secretariat is based in Kathmandu,
Nepal. It coordinates and monitors implementation of
acti...

OBJECTIVES OF SAARC
• Promoting the welfare of the people of South Asia
and to improve their quality of life.
• Accelerati...

• Promoting active collaboration and mutual assistance
in the economic, social, cultural, technical and
scientific fields....

Principles of SAARC
The principles are as follows:
• Respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, political
equality an...

Future members
• China has shown interest in joining SAARC. Pakistan &
Bangladesh support china’s candidature. While India...

SAARC Preferential Trading
Arrangement (SAPTA)
• The Agreement on SAARC Preferential Trading Arrangement
(SAPTA) was signe...

South Asian Free Trade Area
(SAFTA)
• The Agreement on the South Asian Free Trade Area
was reached at the 12th SAARC summi...

Why SAARC has failed to achieve
most of its objectives(criticism)
• Policy of non-interference Article II clearly states,
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Cont.…..
• SAARC could have taken a decisive step to
resolve the dispute. But it did not. It is one of the
numerous incide...

Geopolitical equation matters
• Most of the decisions taken in SAARC depend more
on geopolitical equations rather than coo...

Conclusion
• The SAARC’s balance sheet of success is very
limited to adoption of several conventions like
SAARC regional c...

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